

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A liquid-applying device comprising a tubular container, a connecting/discharging unit, and a comb attachment,  
said connecting/discharging unit comprising a passage and a fitting cylinder which can be fitted to neck of said tubular container;  
said comb attachment comprising a comb shaft to be fitted to the connecting/discharging unit and also comprising a row of teeth disposed along one side of the comb shaft and extending laterally;  
said row of teeth comprising a pair of solid teeth at the front and the rear of the row and liquid-applying teeth sandwiched between said solid teeth, each liquid-applying tooth having a hollow discharge path inside, which connects to the tunnel of the comb shaft, and having discharge ports opened at the tip,  
wherein said solid teeth are taller than the liquid-applying teeth.
2. (Original) A liquid-applying device comprising a tubular container, a connecting/discharging unit, and a comb attachment,  
said tubular container comprising a top flat surface provided with a raised portion, a neck having a screw thread spirally disposed on outer wall, and an opening in the center of said raised portion in which to fit an inside plug;  
said inside plug comprising a peripheral wall having passage holes and a bottom plate disposed under said peripheral wall, and being fitted in the opening of said raised portion;

said connecting/disposing unit comprising a passage, a connecting cylinder which is connected to the inside plug so as to open or close the passage holes formed in the peripheral wall of the inside plug, and a fitting cylinder having a screw thread spirally disposed on the inner wall for screw engagement with the screw thread of the neck; said comb attachment comprising a comb shaft fitted to the connecting/discharging unit and a row of teeth disposed along one side of said comb shaft and extending laterally; and said row of teeth comprising a pair of solid teeth at the front and the rear of the row and liquid-applying teeth sandwiched between said solid teeth, each liquid-applying tooth having a hollow discharge path inside, which connects to the tunnel of the comb shaft, and having discharge ports opened at the tip, wherein said solid teeth are taller than the liquid-applying teeth.

3. (Currently Amended) The liquid-applying device according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein a locking ring is formed so as to project sideways from the upper end of the tube neck, and is engaged with the engaging ring disposed on the inner wall of the fitting cylinder of the connecting/discharging unit, with said locking ring of the neck being used to set the upper limit of upward movement permitted to the fitting cylinder.

4. (Original) The liquid-applying device according to Claim 3 wherein a valve unit having a valve cylinder is disposed inside the neck of the tubular container and is used to prevent the backward flow of the contents and the intake of outside air after the contents have been squeezed out of the container.

5. (Original) The liquid-applying device according to Claim 4 wherein the comb shaft is inclined from the central axis of the passage at an angle of 30 degrees or less.

6. (New) The liquid-applying device according to Claim 2 wherein a locking ring is formed so as to project sideways from the upper end of the tube neck, and is engaged with the engaging ring disposed on the inner wall of the fitting cylinder of the connecting/discharging unit, with said locking ring of the neck being used to set the upper limit of upward movement permitted to the fitting cylinder.